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AMERICA'S DUTY

THE LONDON SPECTATOR SAYS IT IS TO ANNEX CUBA

That Journal Thinks the Spanish Government Would go to War With the United States so as to Present its Overthrow, Change in Attitude Continental Sentiment Toward England—To Renew Iron Industry in Ireland—To Make Sugar Out of Irish Potatoes

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London, September 25.—The average Britisher has come to the conclusion that he is the arbiter of the fate of Europe, and holds the balance of power. It must be confessed that the changed tone of the continental politicians and newspaper writers from abuses to caresses, encourages this assumption. Even Prince Bismarck recently deprecated the constant badgering and baiting of Great Britain by German statesmen and writers. As matters stand, in the event of war, the side securing the assistance of Great Britain must win.

An interesting experiment in smelting native ore is about to be inaugurated in the western highlands of Ireland which are comparatively rich in minerals. The preliminary investigations have been satisfactory. Beds of iron stone were discovered there half a century ago and iron works were operated to turn out a high quality of iron; but they were discontinued, owing to the scarcity of fuel. Now, the peat is drying and a pressing plant is being erected to utilize the turf.

An extensive economical revolution is in sight, if the claims of Dr. Pringlez Gerlings turn out to be what the doctor asserts they are. Dr. Gerlings, a government official of Java, and formerly professor of chemistry at the university of Amsterdam, announces the discovery of a simple method of converting potato starch into sugar. He has lodged his description of the method with the French academy of sciences so as to secure priority for his invention, although he is not quite ready to make the details public.

The Spectator, accepting as a fact the report that the United States has admonished Spain, finds it difficult to think war can be avoided, adding: "Apart from the fact that pride and ignorance of the consequences bid Spain to defy the United States, war is probably considered to be the best way out of the difficulties. Were the government to propose the abandonment of Cuba in cold blood, it would simply mean handing over the country to Don Carlos, so the government proposes to employ America as the surgeon, to do the necessary amputation which will prevent the Cuban gangrene from spreading to the rest of the body politic."

After detailing Spain's iniquities in Cuba, The Spectator continues: "To prolong the war would be a crime, and if America chooses to stop these hideous cruelties all Englishmen should applaud and refuse to inquire too narrowly into the reason which influences our statesmen in putting pressure upon Spain."

Referring to the objection of "patriotic Americans to the admission into the union of Cuban and Hawaiian states and the consequent election of senators by degraded populations," The Spectator says: "America's duty is to stop the long agony of Cuba and if her constitution does not admit of her doing so safely, the sooner she amends her constitution so that she can hold her acquisitions on a different footing, the better for her and for humanity."

To Consolidate Paper Business

New York, September 25.—The Commercial Advertiser today says: "The plan to consolidate the larger paper manufacturers, which was talked of last year, has been revived. It was asserted this forenoon that concessions having all been made by all concerned, it was now probable that the consolidation would be effected. At the local office of the Glens Falls Paper Company, No. 63 Park Row, it was said that a meeting of the most prominent manufacturers would be held in this city in about ten days, at which it was expected final action would be taken. The purposes of the consolidation are to control the output and to reduce the expenses of operation. It was said this forenoon that the consolidation would benefit the producer, while it would not increase the prices consumers now pay. 'In the first place,' said a sales agent, 'there is to be a large reduction in the number of salesmen required under the present system. Mills are to be required to do business in the territory in which they are located. At the present time, western mills sell to consumers in the east and Maine mills sell to consumers in the south. The result is that a large amount of money is wasted in paying freight. This abuse is to be stopped. A number of other trade conditions are to be changed and money saved.' Another object of the consolidation is to develop the export trade which is already growing rapidly."

The Investigation Concluded

Savannah, Ga., September 25.—The investigating board, appointed by the war department to look into the charges relating to the river and harbor work here, concluded its labors here today and Colonel Gillespie and Majors Raymond and Adams left for New York at noon. None of those interested will give any information as to the proceedings until a report is made. Captain O. M. Carter left for New York tonight.

There are among the thousands who use Cod Liver Oil, to whom the taste of the Oil is objectionable. To these we take pleasure in recommending Morrhuin. (Wine of Cod Liver Oil.) It is not a synthetic compound, but is actually extracted from the finest quality of pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil, thereby representing all its virtues, combined with Hypophosphites of Lime, Soda and Magnesia. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

GERMAN INTERVENTION

Between Spain and the United States Demanded by German Press—The Government Not so Aggressive—An Attack Upon the Emperors Advance Autocratic Position

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Berlin, September 25.—The reported American "ultimatum" to Spain has been received with pronounced displeasure by the entire German press. The official denial from Washington is generally disbelieved here and the denunciation of "Jingoism," "Yankee insolence," and the ridiculing of the Monroe doctrine have filled the newspapers. The conservative press, as usual, is the most violent in denouncing American aspirations.

The Kreuz Zeitung, in an editorial on The Forum's article by ex-Secretary Herbert, on the Cuban question, condemns the policy outlined therein and concludes: "If more sober afterthought does not dam the stream of American Chauvinism, Germans shall not feel sorry in that event that the Americans finally reach a sounder judgment relative to their power, i. e., if they get a drubbing to teach them that nobody may disturb the peace with impunity."

The Staatsburg Zeitung, another leading organ, says: "A coalition of all the European countries is absolutely necessary to repulse the schemes of American patriotism and jingoism, as both are becoming more and more insolent." The same newspaper claims that Spain has been assured of Germany's support in the event of the United States taking hostile action.

The correspondent of the Associated Press here has made inquiries at the German foreign office and in other quarters which show that, while Spain has approached Germany through her Berlin ambassador repeatedly during the past year in regard to this, she has only been assured of the moral sympathy of Germany in her struggle to quell the Cuban insurrection and of the willingness of Germany to co-operate with the other big powers in re-establishing, by peaceable means, a better understanding between Spain and the United States. In case serious difficulties arise, no other assurance has been given to Spain, nor is it at all likely that Germany will engage to do more in the future.

The speech of Herr Haussmann, leader of the South German people's party, at Mannheim, early during the week, has caused intense excitement in political circles. He reviewed the relations of Germany to the reichstag and the government during the last two years, and was particularly outspoken in condemning the policy of the government in Cuba. He said: "The emperor's speech recently delivered at Coblenz, Herr Haussmann said: 'We are not afraid of a coup d'etat. German citizens know their strength. Nobody can withstand the will of the nation, neither man, minister nor emperor. Nobody is able to crush that will. German spirit is not controlled by any man, but by thought, and it won't be squelched under the 'pickel haube.' Things cannot continue much longer as at present. For the good of Germany, there must needs come a change for the better.'"

Owing to the effects of the Dingley tariff law, 5,000 textile workers have been locked out at Loebau and in its vicinity. The new Oder canal, allowing the passage of large vessels between Breslau and Stettin, has been opened with impressive ceremonies.

Baron von Stumm's organ, The Post, publishes an article calling attention to the fact that 3,308 horses were imported from America during the first seven months of 1897, and insists that this import ought to be excluded. In the same article, The Post claims America sends even a greater number of dead horses to Germany, in the shape of sausage.

Wilson's New Budget

(Special to The Messenger.)

Wilson, N. C., September 25.—Mr. Wiley Daniel, one of our most prominent citizens, died this morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Daniel was one of our landmarks, he was 77 years old, and had for years been a prominent member of the M. E. church. His estate is valued at \$75,000. He will be buried with Masonic ceremonies.

Kinsey's female seminary has opened in reality. The eye of our youth twinkles perceptibly as they pass in double file down our thoroughfares upon their Saturday's shopping tour. They number now about seventy-five. Professor Kinsey is reported by Dr. Anderson as very much improved. He has been sick with a slow fever for some days.

Our opera house, after having undergone suitable repairs, will be reopened October 1st under the management of Messrs. B. W. Hargrave and W. P. Anderson.

Dr. Ferguson, a prominent tobacco planter of Halifax county, was in our city with a large shipment of the weed this week. He left delighted with our city and prices for his stuff.

Aftermath of Suspension of the Wilsons

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., September 25.—W. A. Guthrie, who was here today, has no love for Otho Wilson, because, at the last election, the latter knifed him and, as Guthrie says, worked hard to elect Russell. Guthrie called on the governor today and congratulated him on appointing John H. Pearson, who is Guthrie's warm personal friend.

Attorney General Walser arrived today and says he will not appear as counsel for Major Wilson and Otho Wilson for the same reason he did not appear in the insane asylum cases, because both sides claim the office.

Railway Commissioner D. H. Abbott said to me this afternoon: "Charges made against my associates or commission are so frivolous that there can only be political motives for making them." This is a sharp stab at the governor. It is openly said that the governor knows this case will go against him and that he has taken his course because of fancied political advantage.

Senator Ransom passed through here today, and says that the statement that he will take part in the next campaign is inaccurate.

Economy and strength are combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every bottle contains 100 doses and will average to last a month.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

SITUATION GROWING WORSE IN NEW ORLEANS.

More New Cases Than Usual Yesterday and Two Deaths—No Material Change at Mobile—Modifying Quarantine Regulations Against the City—The Situation at Edwards More Serious—Nine New Cases and Two Deaths There Yesterday

Mobile, Ala., September 25.—The week closes without any material change in the situation in Mobile. The fever manifests itself in the infected district mostly in the houses where there have already been cases.

There were five new cases, today, all in the original district. The total cases have been 46; total deaths officially announced 7; discharged as recovered 5; remaining under treatment 18. The marine hospital surgeon in charge here, Dr. Glennan, is making efforts to obtain a resumption of traffic out of Mobile under the restrictions of the marine hospital service. Already Tennessee and Mississippi have agreed to the modification of their quarantine so that certain classes of freight can go through, and Mobile is expected to agree so that by Tuesday Dr. Glennan hopes to have freight moving all over the three states, except West Tennessee. To facilitate the traffic, inspectors will be placed at the principal points to see that the freight is of the class that can be passed under the regulations.

The camp of detention at Mt. Vernon will not be ready before the middle of the week. Accommodations were prepared for 300 and there are already applications for 400. They will be supported by the government while in detention during the ten days.

The governor of Alabama has notified the board of health that he has modified his proclamation so goods can be shipped from Mobile in accordance with the modified regulations of the marine hospital service.

Edwards, Miss., September 25.—Dr. Birchett, and four nurses arrived from Vicksburg at 2 o'clock this afternoon and they are hard at work. R. H. Noblin, Miss Noblin, Scott Noblin and Mrs. Dr. Rattliff, are seriously ill. All other cases are improving.

The situation is serious. There are still 400 persons who have not had the fever. The summary stand thus: 140 total cases for the day; total to date 140; deaths to date 2; deaths to date 6.

New Orleans, September 25.—There were more new cases reported today to the board of health than on any previous day and a number of new foci of infection was established. Only two cases had proved fatal during the day. Several cases tonight were reported to be in a critical condition and it is possible other deaths will follow during the night. The figures given in this dispatch are from the board of health record at 6 o'clock. This is the record of the day: Two deaths and eighteen new cases.

In some instances new cases have appeared in houses where fever already exists. There are three cases altogether in the marine hospital. Guards are stationed around the building. The surgeons in charge say there is no chance to spread in the hospital. Four cases were reported today in one house. They were in the Katz family. The members of the family had been ill several days but the physician in charge had not taken the pains to notify the board of health. In this house, a father and three of his children are ill.

The failure of the doctor to report the Katz case gives rise to much indignation. The death rate during the day was about 15 per cent. The large increase in new cases this afternoon, however, had the effect of lowering the percentage.

Runners of Urgent Naval Preparation

Washington, September 25.—The recent transfer of some seventy-five sailors from New York to San Francisco, the purchase of some service shells, and a reported conference of naval militia officers with Acting Secretary Roosevelt at the navy yard have given rise to a suspicion of hostile intentions on the part of the navy department which, it may be stated on the best authority, are not at all well founded. As a matter of fact, there has been no conference of naval militia officers at the navy department or elsewhere. The commander of the Michigan naval militia is expected at the navy department Monday or Tuesday next, but his mission is confined entirely to reporting upon the possibility of getting the old Yantic up through the lake canals to Detroit. The supplies contracted for have been purchased by act of congress in accordance with estimates last year and were in accordance with the usual routine and finally the navy department has been making no preparations at all out of the ordinary run of business.

Vessels in a Recent Hurricane

Jacksonville, Fla., September 25.—The schooner John Paul, Captain Anderson, bound from Brunswick, Ga., to New York, with a cargo of lumber, was towed into port this morning in a dismantled condition. The Paul left Brunswick Monday afternoon, encountered the gale that night, lost her rigging and was driven as far south as St. Augustine, where she was picked up by a tug. The damages are estimated at \$10,000.

A sunken schooner is reported thirty miles due east off the St. Johns bar. A mast is sticking out of the water. The name has not been ascertained, but it is thought to be the Thomas W. Winsmore, bound to this port from Philadelphia with a cargo of coal. The crew are supposed to have been lost.

O'Ferrall Replies to Senator Daniels

Richmond, Va., September 25.—Governor O'Ferrall will publish in the morning a six-column reply to Senator Daniels' last letter in the correspondence proceeding between the two gentlemen named.

BASE BALL.

Baltimore Gets Back Into the Lead by Defeating Boston—Cleveland Takes Two Games From Louisville and Cincinnati Two From St. Louis

Baltimore 6, Boston 3.

Baltimore, September 25.—It is again "nip and tuck" between the Champions and the Bostonians in the pennant race, with the Champions a scant nose in the lead by virtue of having won today's game. With the finish in sight, and but four games left to play by the one club and five for the other, a misplay of any kind from this time on will probably cost the maker of it the distinction of being a member of the best base ball team on earth and cause him to get a smaller, instead of a larger share of the "Temple cup" money. With this fact in view, it is no wonder that the players on both teams are straining every nerve to win and that the outcome of the contest is of vital importance to them and of intense interest to their partisans. Two of the most exciting games in the history of base ball have resulted from this condition, during the present series, and Monday promises to bring another. Yesterday's was a nerve game, and it brought joy to the hearts of Boston's followers. Today was another, and although the home players were never headed, not a soul on the grounds felt that the result was beyond doubt until the last minute in the ninth inning had been retired. More than 15,000 people saw it, and not one of that number would have missed it for a farm. All of them, who came from Boston, are supremely happy tonight, and each and every lover of the game in Baltimore is prepared to swear that there never was such a pitcher in the world as Hoffer, for it was mainly by the superb work of the "wizard" that the victory rests with Baltimore. He battled well, held the runners, pitched masterfully, as the score will show. So did Klobanz, for that matter, and not a man of the eighteen played badly, the game being practically without errors, that of McGraw being quite excusable, while the stick work was uniformly good. Two plays which do not figure as errors in the score cost runs, however, and one of them probably lost the game for Boston. This was an effort upon the part of Collins to field a nice little bunt, by McGraw, down toward third base. It might have rolled foul, but Collins accidentally kicked it into fair ground. It went a dozen yards or so into foul territory and Doyle and Hoffer scored on it. The other was a very excusable miff by Reitz, of Long's hop hit to short center, filling the bases and giving a chance to score on any ensuing play. On the other hand, both Collins and Reitz did brilliant work at critical times. Doyle and Robinson cut the seventh in this wise: Doyle, with Hamilton on third, was caught between first and second. While Doyle and Reitz were running him down the bases, Doyle sprang home, and quick as thought, Doyle returned the ball to the plate. It was a fine throw and a fine catch, and the captain of the Champions laid down good and hard upon the sliding Batteries—Hoffer and Robinson; Klobanz and Bergen. Umpires—Emslie and Hurst. Time—2:00.

Cleveland 9, Louisville 6.

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Cleveland, September 25.—The Colonels lost two games to the Indians today. In the first game Louisville led until the eighth, when good stick work gave the Colonels a chance to tie the score, and easily. Attendance 1,000. The scores: First game—R. H. E. Cleveland..... 00010215—6 15 0 Louisville..... 1110030—3 13 0 Batteries—Young and Zimmer; Dowling and Wilson. Umpire—O'Day. Time—1:45. Second game—R. H. E. Cleveland..... 02201100—6 10 0 Louisville..... 10201000—4 10 0 Batteries—Wilson and Criger; Clark and Wilson. Umpire—O'Day. Time—1:50. Attendance—1,500.

Pittsburg 1, Chicago 8.

Pittsburg, September 25.—Chicago won the game on a decision which rattled the home team completely. It was in the seventh when the score was 2-0. The battery was trying to send Lange to his base on balls by lobbying the ball wide of the box. Lange stepped to the extreme left, the opposite base and hit one of the easy balls for two bags, scoring two runs. Game called in eighth on account of darkness. Attendance 2,000. The score: Pittsburgh..... 0010000—1 10 0 Chicago..... 10000025—8 14 0 Batteries—Gardner and Sugden; Thornton and Donahue. Umpire—McDonald. Time—2:00.

St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 7.

St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 8.

St. Louis, September 25.—Cincinnati had things their own way in both games today. In the first game the Reds being in it at any stage. The Reds batted out victory in the ninth inning. Only five innings were played in the second game. Attendance 3,000. The scores: First game—R. H. E. St. Louis..... 00211100—5 14 2 Cincinnati..... 00001011—7 13 2 Batteries—Hart and Douglas; Ehret and Peltz. Umpire—Pears. Time—2:00. Second game—R. H. E. St. Louis..... 010157—10 13 0 Cincinnati..... 241008—12 12 2 Batteries—Donahue, Coleman and Douglas; Ehret and Schriever. Umpire—Pears. Time—1:30.

Brooklyn 15, Philadelphia 3.

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Brooklyn, September 25.—Brooklyn won both games from the Quakers this afternoon. The Brooklynians decided today to save Kennedy for the games against Boston. Brooklyn need two of them to stay in the first division. Attendance 3,100. The score: First game—R. H. E. Brooklyn..... 40131204—15 10 2 Philadelphia..... 20000100—3 8 2 Batteries—Payne and Burrell; Dumble and Boyle. Umpire—Carpenter. Time—1:45. Second game—R. H. E. Brooklyn..... 00010002—15 10 2 Philadelphia..... 00000000—3 4 2 Batteries—Fisher and Burrell; Wheeler and Clements. Umpire—Carpenter. Time—1:25.

New York 11, Washington 5.

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New York, September 25.—Washington scored five runs in the first inning, but Rube was an enigma afterwards. The Giants batted Swain from the fourth to the sixth, during which time they made more than enough runs to win the game. Attendance 2,000. The score: New York..... 00025400—11 12 1 Washington..... 50000000—5 8 5

Clubs Won Lost P.C't.

Baltimore..... 88 38 .704

Boston..... 91 36 .703

New York..... 81 46 .633

Cincinnati..... 72 54 .571

Cleveland..... 67 48 .582

Washington..... 58 60 .487

Brooklyn..... 60 69 .465

Pittsburg..... 56 70 .444

Chicago..... 56 70 .444

Philadelphia..... 54 75 .419

Louisville..... 51 76 .402

St. Louis..... 28 96 .222

SOLITARY AND ALONE

RUSSELL HOUNDS DOWN THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS

Senator Butler Telling on the Trail in the Rear—The Reverend Keeper of the Capitol Becomes Too Official—Suits for Damages Against the Ducktown Copper Mine Company—Large Increase in Small Grain Acreage—The Anticipated Rush to Southern Pines

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel.

Raleigh, N. C., September 25.

The letter to Governor Russell from Major Wilson, chairman of the railway commission, was so cutting as to excite general comment. Many people ask who besides Senator Butler is backing Governor Russell in his effort to oust Major Wilson and Otho Wilson. Republicans are not backing him. The attorney general two weeks ago openly said the governor was wrong. Otho Wilson says he did not answer the governor's letter of suspension. He says he told his lawyers that he knew nothing about law and that if they would attend to that branch of this matter he would look after the politics. He has as attorneys J. C. L. Harris, R. O. Burton and Spier Whitaker, while Major Wilson has R. O. Burton, John D. Shaw, Thomas N. Hill, Spier Whitaker and Byrum & Byrum. Two score lawyers volunteered their services as counsel. Not only this, but prominent men all over the state, among them republicans high in position, have written condemning in unqualified terms Governor Russell's course. The latter is angry and obstinate, it is declared, and is trying to ride rough shod over all opposition.

Otho Wilson makes it a personal matter with Senator Butler, and the senator need have no desire to meet his former first lieutenant.

The keeper of the capitol, Rev. Dr. Burns, yesterday was plainly told by the secretary of state that his meddling was intolerable and that if it was not stopped he would be ousted.

The commissioner of labor statistics says that on his recent visit to the Ducktown copper mines he found the vegetation for miles around the mine had been killed and that residents have brought suits for damages for an immense sum.

Tobacco warehousemen here say the commission merchants are checking the growing of tobacco by refusing to make advances to growers, and hence forcing the cultivation of cotton.

Letters from the piedmont and western sections say there will be a large increase in the acreage in small grain. It now appears as if the agitation regarding the lease of the convicts will absolutely prevent its being effected.

Many law students arrived here today on Thursday and will be examined by the supreme court. There will be at least forty in the class.

People from Southern Pines say preparations are in progress for the greatest number of northern visitors ever in that section. This applies also to Pinehurst. A colony of 400 Pennsylvanians will settle on the base of the Seaboard Air Line in that section. The Seaboard is a great developer.

Near here today Dr. Reid Parker, state farmers' institute conductor, held an institute. Only a few more will be held this year.

Warden Russell, of the penitentiary, says that fully three-fourths of the convicts can neither read nor write. He says crime in this state is almost entirely among the uneducated.

Reports from some points west of here are that the winds, light as they were, have badly blown out cotton.

The state's claim against Stewart Bros., ex-public printers, for money which it is alleged was obtained by fraud aggregates very nearly \$20,000. The Stewarts are denouncing the state officers and saying they are acting illegally.

Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, and his hosts, the Greensboro Fox Hunting Club, who are at Manchester, Cumberland county, have so far caught three foxes.

As to the politics of the new appointees of the governor as railway commissioners, it was said today that L. C. Caldwell is a "Butler populist" and John H. Pearson a "Russell democrat."

John R. Smith, who was in the morning who was in charge of the inmates of the criminal insane wards at the penitentiary, said: "Dr. George Kirby is in charge now and has been all the time. There will be no one under him."

A car load of convicts will next Monday be sent to the state farms on the Roanoke, leaving only thirty in the prison, the smallest number since it was opened in 1870.

Two of the inmates of the Soldiers' Home quarreled and fought a day or two ago and one nearly broke the other's arm with a stick. Both were immediately dismissed.

Governor Russell left for Wilmington this afternoon to return Tuesday.

Eugene G. Harrell is placed in charge of the arrangements for parades and ceremonies at the state fair here next month. He says every business house in the city and some public buildings will be decorated fair week.

State Auditor Ayer says the state pension board finds that one pensioner is an ex-convict. A warrant for \$64 was returned to the board from Union county today, with the statement that no man there was entitled to such an amount. The auditor says many persons are on the pension rolls who have no right there, and that some deserving persons are not on the rolls.

The secretary of state today licensed the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to do business in this state. It is an assessment company.

At Louisville yesterday there was a lively scene during the negro State Baptist Sunday School Association meeting. A negro preacher from Raleigh knocked down the president of the association. The charge was that the latter was working politics.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



England Withdraws From the Seal Fishery Conference

London, September 25.—A decided sensation has been caused in diplomatic circles here by Great Britain's notification to the United States that she cannot participate in the sealing conference at Washington, if Russia and Japan take part in it. The officials of the British foreign office decline to give the reasons for this change of policy, but they admitted that the marquis of Salisbury had notified the United States ambassador, Colonel John Hay, of his decision in this matter, though the premier's decision is not absolute.

The action of the marquis of Salisbury is all the more surprising in view of the fact that he accepted for Great Britain the invitation to take part in the conference, with the full knowledge that Russia and Japan were included in the invitation. It is known that the Canadian government requested the withdrawal of Great Britain from the sealing conference and the government unwillingly acceded to this request, in accordance with its policy of cultivating the friendship of the colonies, even at the risk of offending other powers concerned.

It is thought in diplomatic circles that Canada's action in the premises was influenced by the fear that Great Britain would be outvoted by the United States, Russia and Japan, whose views regarding the protection of seals coincide. Great Britain has not notified Russia or Japan of her intention not to take part in the conference and her notice to the United States was sent too late for the other three governments to change their arrangements.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, counsel for the United States on the Behring sea negotiations with Great Britain, said tonight, with reference to today's cablegram from London on the subject, that this government had received information from the British embassy here or from Ambassador Hay that England had decided not to join in the Washington conference, or was likely to do so. Further than this Mr. Foster declined to make any statement for publication.

Dr. Alderman to the Students

President Alderman, of the state university, in delivering an address to the students of that institution recently, closed his remarks in the following language:

"I have an ideal for this university. My desire and fancy would have it a place where there is always a breath of freedom in the air, for slavery is not a proper condition for men; where a sound and various learning is taught and taught well, without sham or pretense, where the life and teachings of Jesus furnish forth the ideal of right living and true manhood; where manners are gentle, and courtesies daily multiply between teacher and taught, and a gentleman feels at home, where all classes and all conditions and beliefs are welcome, and rise in earnest striving by the might of merit; where wealth is no prejudice and poverty no shame; where honorable labor, even of the hands, in mental toil, are glorified by high purposes and pathetic desire for the sweet waters and clear air; where there is no air of uncharitableness, nor any chidings or railings, but rather a large charity and sympathy in all good efforts that make for righteousness and culture, whether within or without our own academic walls; where there is a will to serve all high ends of a state struggling up out of ignorance into general power; where men are trained to observe closely, imagine vividly, reason accurately, and to have about them some humility and some toleration; where truth, shining patiently, like a star, bids us advance, and we will not turn aside. Will you help us, young gentlemen, to make our alma mater such a place as this? I now give you this sentiment:

"Our Alma Mater—Unceasing growth and honor and usefulness to her throughout the years."—Charlotte Observer.

Troy, N. C., Sept. 6, 1897.—I have been subject to neuralgia headaches for several years. I resorted to Hood's Sarsaparilla and it relieved me. After having the grip I was left in a debilitated condition. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it restored me to my usual health. I do not think there is any medicine equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla for purifying the blood and building up the system. W. T. BOULDEN.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Death of Bancroft the Magician
Charlotte, S. C., September 25.—Bancroft, the well known magician, died at the Riverside infirmary here this morning. He had filled his engagement at the academy of music last Tuesday night. The next morning he was so ill that he was unable to go to the next stand. His physician said he was suffering with typhoid fever. For the last two days he has been a very ill man, and the end came at 2 o'clock this morning.